

WISHA REGIONAL DIRECTIVE

WISHA Services

Department of Labor and Industries

24.10

PROCESS SAFETY MANAGEMENT INSPECTIONS

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I. Background

On September 13, 1994, the Federal Occupational and Health Administration (OSHA), issued a revision to an instruction on compliance guidelines and enforcement procedures of the Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemical Standard (29 CFR 19.10.119). This instruction revises previous OSHA instructions (CPL 2-2.45A) and identifies amendments to the Standard for Explosives and Blasting Agents (29 CFR 1910.109).

II. Scope

This policy provides guidance to WISHA staff conducting process safety management inspections. It replaces WISHA Interim Interpretive Memorandum #96-4-F, issued April 30, 1996, and will remain in effect indefinitely.

III. Special Enforcement Protocols

A. How will process safety management inspections be conducted?

With the exception of "B" and "C" below, WISHA enforcement staff are expected to follow OSHA CPL 2-2.45A CH-1 in conducting inspections and enforcing WAC 296-67 (Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals).

B. How will process safety management inspections be targeted?

Targeting of PSM inspections is addressed in WRD 2.62.

C. What safety precautions are WISHA enforcement staff expected to take?

WISHA staff are expected to comply with the applicable guidance provided in the internal safety and health policies of the Department of Labor and Industries.

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